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Serial No.: 10/811,565

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Title: CONTROLLED SEPARATION HEART VALVE FRAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, dated January 5, 2007, in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner identified two inventions in the Office Action. Without agreeing with the propriety of the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without prejudice, Invention I, i.e., claims 1-18.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in a condition for allowance and, accordingly, solicit an early notice to that effect.

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If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 5, 2007

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